

SHORT COMMUNICATION

Hister quadrimaculatus Linnaeus on Dungeness, Kent. — As part of a Nature Conservancy Council survey of the invertebrate fauna of Dungeness a series of pitfall traps have been operated during 1989 on various sites throughout the Ministry of Defence Land.

Whilst sorting through the material collected from the 6 to the 20.vi.1989 two large histerid beetles were found in a single pitfall. I identified both as *Hister quadrimaculatus*, a determination which was kindly confirmed by Mr A. Foster. The trap was situated at TR027187 in the South Brooks area of Dungeness, the habitat being dry, sheep grazed grassland on alluvial soil.

The *Red Data Book: 2. Insects* (Shirt, 1987) lists the species as vulnerable, the last record being that of a single specimen which was found under a stone in a field at Stoke, north Kent, by L.S. Whicher on the 1.vi.1952.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Ministry of Defence for access permission to the site. — Mark Parsons, The Forge, Russells Green, Ninfield, Nr Battle, East Sussex.

REFERENCE

Shirt, D.B. (ed.) 1987. *British Red Data Book: 2. Insects*, Peterborough: Nature Conservancy Council.

